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Shoreline education comes to the surface for Dysart

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dysart will soon get the wheels turning on educating residents about the proper ways to manage their shorelines to ensure healthy lakes.

A number of absences during council's special meeting June 22 prevented in-depth discussion of the proposed shoreline site alteration bylaw. But they managed to get into some ideas for the educational campaign that will accompany the new legislation.

The proposed bylaw will be brought back to council during its next meeting.

Dysart abstained from buying into Haliburton County's new shoreline preservation bylaw that kicked in April 1. Dysart was the only lower tier municipality in the county to opt not to have anything to do with it.

In its place, the township drew up its own shoreline site alteration bylaw.

If adopted, it will apply to all lands situated within 30 metres from a high-water mark and within environmental protection zoned areas. It will prevent any person from conducting site alteration or permitting site alteration to be conducted except in accordance with the legislation.

Where site alteration is permitted to occur, care shall be taken to ensure trees and native vegetation beyond the extent of the site alteration, including root systems, are not injured.

And, on a developed waterfront lot, site alteration may be completed in areas that permit destruction of trees in accordance with the county's Shoreline Tree Preservation Bylaw.

Of course, there are many other details in the proposed new rules.

Karl Korpela, the township's chief building inspector, said staff have been working on social media posts that describe the proposed bylaw. They've designed the posts so they're well suited to being published as posters for the public.

"We're trying to stay away from the things that go towards propaganda," he said. "Things that are actually educational. They're well-known information."

One of the aspects being highlighted is the Ribbon of Life, which refers to the three-metre buffer at the shoreline. Staff has also been working with partners on a video to get the message out.

Another promotional aspect is entitled Don't P in the Lake. The P refers to phosphorous, as in the chemical agents found in fertilizer and septic systems and various household detergents.

Korpela said there's a link to a video of a lake in which phosphorous is introduced. The lake is split-screened to show one side with phosphorous against the other side without the chemical.

Korpela said it illustrates how phosphorous affects the body of water.

"Those are the two key ones that we are focusing on with regards to education at this point," he said. "Education is a hard component to do."

"We're essentially piggy-backing off of what's already out there."

That is, until there's an actual bylaw with a proper educational component formally adopted by Dysart council.

"Once we get an actual bylaw in place, we can give actual information as to what's required through the bylaw," he said.

Mayor Murray Fearrey said the videos

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Up for a Challenge

Abbey Retreat Centre executive director Barb Smith-Morrison and Eliza peek through ribbons during the kick off of the Haliburton Highlands Challenge at Abbey Retreat Centre on Sunday, June 25. Read more on page 4. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*



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Wilberforce Elementary School principal Barb Davies gives her opening remarks at the grade 8 graduation ceremony at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce on June 22. /MICHAEL RILEY Staff

Wilberforce ES grads ready to 'change the world'

MICHAEL RILEY

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Grade 8 class from Wilberforce Elementary School had their graduation and awards ceremony on June 22 at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Nelson Mandela once said that “education is the most powerful weapon there is to change the world,” and eleven students graduated that day and are heading off to high school and beyond with that education, to “change the world,” each in their own unique way in the years ahead.

The Lloyd Watson Centre was abuzz with activity on the afternoon of June 22, as the Grade 8 graduating class, teachers, support staff, and parents from Wilberforce Public School got ready for the grads to receive their diplomas and awards. The Grade 8 students who graduated were; Keagan Ivan Badger, Kylee Christina Cindy Bailey McLeod, Anthony Fiorenza Belmonte, Ryder Sante Bortolazzo, Nevaya Carisse, Ana Louise Sandy Fillier, Alexis Lynn Flemming, Adrian Alexander Matthew McCawley, Tyson Mervin Plumley, Aiden Isaiah Smith and Gavin John Trumble.

Jacob Findeis, who teaches Grades 6, 7 and 8, told The Haliburton Echo on June 20 that they always do the graduation at the Lloyd Watson Centre, as it's a large space and they don't have a gymnasium at the school.

“The students are very excited to graduate, as I'm sure you appreciate. Graduating Grade 8 is an exciting time, but even more so for this group, seeing as their elementary career was quite often interrupted [due to COVID-19 and its restrictions],” he says.

When The Haliburton Echo last touched base with the Grade 8 students at Wilberforce Elementary School last month, they were doing a car wash and bottle drive to raise money for their year-end graduation trip. They ended up raising over \$1,800. Findeis revealed that they ultimately chose to spend the day at Canada's Wonderland on June 19, where the students enjoyed everything that the park had to offer.

Findeis said that everyone at the school was involved in some way planning the June 22 graduation ceremony, including the Grade 7 students, who took charge of decorating for their graduating friends. He estimated that 30 plus hours of work went into planning, gathering awards, making programs, contacting parents, decorating, speech writing, and set up/take down.

Approximately 100 people were in attendance on June 22, including staff, family members, graduating students, other grade level students, friends and community members.

“I am very proud of this group of students and would like to wish them all further success in the future. I hope

they remember the class motto (they ought to after I have taught them for three years), ‘It is okay to not know, but it is not okay to not try!’” he says.

After the Land Acknowledgment and the singing of O'Canada at the June 22 ceremony, principal Barbara Davies said a few words, welcoming everyone to the graduation ceremony and awards presentation. This was followed by greetings by Haliburton school trustee Gary Brohman (who was unable to attend, but his remarks were read by Findeis) and Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton.

Findeis said that Brohman had given a huge shout out to the graduating class and thanked Davies, the teachers, support staff and parents for all their efforts.

“Each one of you should feel extraordinarily proud of yourselves for all you've accomplished in your academic career. My hope is that you have the best four years of high school,” he says.

Burton told the attendees he was glad to be there, congratulated all the students, teachers, parents and support staff, and told the grads that their adventure was just beginning. He also shared a couple of things with them.

“Set your goals, work hard and enjoy every minute of it, and go to class, go to class and go to class,” he says.

Next, the awards were presented to the Grade 4 to 7 students by teachers Kimberly Higgins, Findeis, Drew Rupnow, Rachel Manol, and educational assistants Tracey Nottage and Kim MacKay. These were for excellence in mathematics, academics, leadership, citizenship, most improved, athletics, perseverance, French, the arts, and literacy. The graduating students were next presented with their awards and bursaries by Findeis, Nottage, Laura Fideau and Burton. These included the Taylor Donaldson Leadership Award, the ETFO Award, the Canadian Parents for French Award, the Principal's Award and the Student Leadership Award.

Following that, the two valedictorians, Badger and Smith, gave their speeches. Findeis and Davies then presented the graduates with their diplomas, and then Davies gave her closing remarks, thanking everyone for coming and inviting them to stay and enjoy cupcakes and lemonade at the back of the auditorium.

After the ceremony concluded, students, their families, staff, and all attendees enjoyed the refreshments, took photos, relaxed and enjoyed some friendly banter.

Findeis thought the whole ceremony went pretty well overall.

“Everyone got recognized, got their little moment in the sun, which is always important after a big year. The students were great and the community as always was wonderful, coming out and supporting everybody,” he says. “It's a nice way to celebrate and wrap up our year together for sure.”

Simple directions suggested

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are great things but he'd like to see something simpler to release to the public.

"Just come out with something that's in plain English that says you don't run your eaves troughs directly into the lake," Fearrey said. "Things like that."

Essential directives such as the importance of planting another tree for a tree that's removed.

Fearrey suggested the township distribute information with residents' tax bills. The information can be sent to lawyers and real estate agents dealing with property sales in Dysart.

"It's going to say to have a healthy lake, here's what you do and here's what you don't do," he said. "I'm looking for something that a layman can pick up and say I can follow that."

Social media can be effective for video distribution, but the problem is the message won't get to everybody, he said.

Councillor Carm Sawyer said he doesn't have social media. He said many people don't have social media, either. As such, he supports including information about the shoreline alteration bylaw with the bills.

But the information to be distributed should highlight the pros and cons of having the legislation versus not having it, he said.

"We should suggest more than demand, don't you think?" Sawyer said.

Fearrey said the simple directions are more relatable to more people. The things that make good sense.

"Along with the videos, which are really good, by the way," Fearrey said. "But, as I say, not everybody is going to see them."

Coun. Barry Boice said the township needs to keep a keen eye on the lakes.

"To me all of the lakes are doing fairly well right now," Boice said. "I don't see any problems where people are saying our quality of water is going down."

People need to be made to understand that water quality is going to be closely monitored.

"If there's reasons that we think it's going down and maybe we need to get a little stricter, we have to put a little more teeth into this," he said. "Right now it seems to be holding its own quite well."

"Maybe even getting a little better because of the septic inspections and stuff like that."

Health service AGM came up short, say community groups

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Concerned citizen groups believe the Haliburton Highlands Health Services annual general meeting was a missed opportunity to engage the public.

The health service met in a virtual AGM on June 22. The organization will host its first open house for one hour starting 3:30 p.m. on June 29 in Room 1 at the Minden Community Centre.

Audited financial statements showed HHHS has assets and liabilities totalling about \$24.9 million as of March 31. That's lower than the \$30.4 million that was on the books the previous year.

Revenue totalled \$35.04 million to March 31, compared to \$35.8 million in 2022. Expenses were \$39.4 million for the year ended March 31. In 2022, expenses totalled \$35.75 million. That's a shortfall of about \$4.2 million.

Darlene Moore, the vice-president of support services and the HHHS chief financial officer, said the organization has \$3.3 million in debt at March 31.

Some community members who took in the meeting were left wanting by the performances of Veronica Nelson, the HHHS acting president and CEO, and David O'Brien, the board of directors' chairperson, during the brief question-and-answer session at the end of the meeting.

"Once again, HHHS has chosen to silence the community and evade their responsibility to the people of Minden," said Patrick Porzuczek of the group Minden Matters.

"The lack of transparency and meaningful community involvement demonstrated during the meeting continues to raise serious questions about the board's commitment to serving the best interests of the entire community it claims to represent."

Jeff Nicholls is a member of the group of concerned citizens behind the website mindenpaper.com. He, too, thought the AGM was lacking.

The meeting was a missed opportunity to discuss the CEO and board perfor-

mance over the past year, Nicholls said.

Nicholls said an AGM is a chance for an organization to consider the year ahead by looking at its performance of the previous year and what could have been done better. That diagnostic retrospective should inform the performance of the decision-makers over the following year.

Both Minden Matters and the crowd that runs the Minden Paper online entity were formed in response to the June 1 closure of the emergency department in the township.

Porzuczek lamented the fact that the meeting was held virtually with chat turned off hampered viewers from the community giving constructive feedback.

"No attendees were allowed to speak," he said. "The meeting fell short of providing any meaningful opportunities for open dialogue, constructive feedback, or transparent decision-making."

A perceived lack of communication during the process that led to the ER closure has been grieved by local township mayors and elected officials at the county level since the announcement was made mere weeks before June 1.

During the AGM, Nelson, who took over the helm from Carolyn Plummer just weeks ago, cited unfamiliarity with issues during the questions and answer session.


HHHS spoke about its vision and values during the meeting. They are compassion, accountability, integrity and respect.

All those values would've been better served with more transparency and better communication, better governance, said Nicholls.

Porzuczek said the health board failed all those values.

"The minimal community involvement allowed at the meeting only further compounds the issue," he said. "The community members who rely on the hospital's services have valuable insights and perspectives that should be considered when making decisions that impact their health care."

While it is good that HHHS is attempting to reach out to the community, Nicholls said having an open house in the middle of a work day afternoon will exclude some people.



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Haliburton Highlands Challenge kicks off with a celebration

BARB SMITH-MORRISON

Special to the Echo

It was an afternoon of moving stories, high energy and a lot of lime green T-shirts as the Abbey Retreat Centre held the official launch of their 4th Annual Haliburton Highlands Challenge, running from July 1 to Sept. 30.

Air advisories and thunderstorm warnings didn't squelch the spirit of fun or the commitment to make a difference in the lives of those living with cancer. The retreat centre was filled with HHC fundraisers who will be taking to the water, the hiking trails, the bike paths, or their own homes as they swim, kayak, canoe, bike, dance, hike, or do whatever movement fits their health and lifestyle to raise awareness and funds through this unique fundraiser.

Over the next few months, friends and supporters of the Abbey Retreat Centre's cancer support programs will be getting active and inviting their friends, families and colleagues to donate in support of their retreats and online programs that serve people across Ontario who are living with cancer. The Abbey Retreat Centre also hosts A Warm Hug from the Highlands, a volunteer-led initiative that creates warm, flannel backed quilts for permanent and seasonal residents facing a cancer diagnosis. Since it began in June of 2022, over 60 quilts have been gifted to local community members living with cancer.

Since the Abbey Retreat Centre first began in 2017, they have been committed to offering their cancer support programs at no cost, recognizing that individuals and families living with cancer already



Lynda Shadbolt leads yoga during the kick off of the Haliburton Highlands Challenge at Abbey Retreat Centre on Sunday, June 25. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo

face many increased expenses. Since it's beginning, The Abbey Retreat Centre has served over 322 people affected by cancer through their suite of programming. Having to close their in-person programs during COVID, they quickly began designing and creating online programs that have received very positive reviews and feedback. They have also opened the retreat centre to countless others through the years whose lives have been affected by cancer, offering space to the local HHHS cancer support and grief groups, as well providing a gathering place for

families who are looking for a time of respite and relaxation in the midst of a cancer journey. By December, the Abbey Retreat Centre is set to host four more in-person retreats and three more online programs, serving another 70 people who are facing cancer.

The waitlist for programs continues to grow as people from across Ontario, and beyond, are hearing about the transformational and impactful programming happening at the Abbey Retreat Centre. The Haliburton Highlands Challenge hopes to raise \$80,000 which will move 50 people

off of the waitlist into a four-day retreat.

Unique across Canada, the Abbey Retreat Centre also offers their four-day retreats to the key support people or caregivers of those living with cancer, believing that healing is enhanced for everyone when the caregiver is also well cared for.

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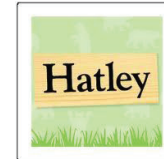
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National Indigenous History Month in the Haliburton Highlands

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

The month of June has been identified as National Indigenous History Month, with National Indigenous People's Day falling on June 21, to tie in with the summer solstice.

The date was put in place by the federal government in 2017, and has been recognized nationally ever since.

According to www.native-land.ca, Haliburton County sits on the traditional territory of the Anishinabaweki and the Mississauga Nations. In 2018, David Andrew Beaucage Johnson, a student at Trent University, wrote an essay on the history of Indigenous habitation in the region through the locally-supported U-Links program.

"The original name for the area of Haliburton Highlands is Ogidaaki, or Gidaaki in the Mississauga pronunciation," wrote Johnson in his paper. "The meaning of Gidaaki can be broken into two words Gidaa meaning upwards and Ki meaning earth. When English came to be spoken by the Mississaugas, the area was referred to as 'The Height of Land'."

The Haliburton Highlands.

So what are the Highlands now? And how do we proceed in this community in a way that is supportive, inclusive, and understanding of Indigenous cultures?

Being a tourism-based community, the Echo reached out to Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO). OHTO is this region's destination development organization that was established by the Ontario Government to coordinate tourism initiatives.

"It's not just about acknowledging the land we work and live on," said Amy Hogue, the content specialist for OHTO, "it's a first step to acknowledge it, but then the next step is to celebrate it."

Hogue shared that as a region that is dependent on tourism, it is important for consumers to be mindful of their purchases and practices. "Being open to cultural educational experiences, such as PowWows, and making sure you support Indigenous artisans and tour operators is key," she said.

Hogue believes that the educational component of reconciliation is fundamental in progressing forward. "Awareness of Indigenous history and culture is constantly evolving," she said, "we need to keep asking ourselves, 'how can we help educate Ontario's Highlands?'"

While Hogue said that there are no tourism providers in the County who have officially identified as Indigenous at this time, there are organizations dedicated to this foundation of education.

Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve is one such organization.



Larry O'Connor found out in his retirement that he has Indigenous roots, and has spent the past few years exploring his own history. He is dedicated to learning about his family, their stories, and how he can educate others about Indigenous culture in the Haliburton Highlands. /Photo submitted

The Forest opted into the Progressive Aboriginal Relations (PAR) program in mid-January of 2023. The program is spearheaded by the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB), and is designed as a program that any organization can jump into without any prior knowledge. The three-year program is split into equal parts, starting with internal planning, then moving on to setting specific and measurable goals, and finally concluding with outreach.

"During this first phase in 2023, our focus is on making internal progress," said Malcolm Cockwell, the managing director of Haliburton Forest, "so that we are in a position to build meaningful, mutually beneficial relationships in 2024 and beyond."

Over the past few months, Cockwell shared that he and his team at the Forest have identified the key Indigenous communities with which they hope to build relationships with. They have also formal-

ized an Aboriginal Relations Policy, and scheduled PAR training for the Forest's leadership team this summer.

"As we approach the second phase in late-2023 or early-2024, we will start implementing our new internal policies, updating our internal communications, holding company-wide training, as well as reaching out to the communities of interest," Cockwell told the Echo.

The CCAB have been nothing but supportive throughout the Forest's journey towards education thus far, claimed Cockwell. He shared that they provide a tangible framework to address key priorities, for not only the tourism component of the Forest, but also the logging side of the business.

While businesses are finding their footing with Indigenous education and reconciliation, there are locals in the community that ensure that Indigenous information is never out of sight, out of mind.

Larry O'Connor is the host of Tales

from the Big Canoe on Canoe FM, which airs the last Wednesday and the following Friday of each month.

O'Connor was a cottager of the Haliburton Highlands for 40 years during his professional career of everything from committee involvement to the mayor of Brock Township. Upon retirement, he was able to explore his own story.

"I always knew something was there," he said, "but I never really had a chance to delve into it."

O'Connor's grandparents had passed away early in his life, but he claimed that he always had a feeling that he had ties to the land, to nature, and to the world views practiced by many Indigenous cultures. "It was always there," he said, "but I just never understood it."

Through careful investigation, O'Connor discovered that he had Métis heritage on both sides of his family, and specifically Odawa heritage on his father's side. "It was always my dad's dream to understand his history, and he found out two years before he passed. Mom also always wanted to know, and she received her Métis citizenship six weeks before she died."

He shared that one of the reasons the history has been so skewed was because of the colonial impacts on the culture throughout history. "My grandmother went to a residential school, and she survived, but when she left, she lied and told everyone her children were french. She didn't want the same thing for them that she had experienced."

O'Connor believes that a big part of Indigenous celebrations should be to not only recognize the land you are on, but reclaim the history that has been white-washed. "For so many people, they have lived a life of denial because of the treatment they received," he said.

Over the past few years, O'Connor has started attending as many Indigenous events and experiences as possible, and has begun to dabble in the world of traditional Indigenous dances. "I am proud to say that I can actually dance at a grand entry," he said.

He referenced the many pieces of his regalia - some that he has made himself and some that are collected or inherited - that make his experiences all the more fulfilling, including a Métis sash to honour his late mother. "So many pieces of what we do, our history, our culture, it's all in that regalia," he said.

While we are far from reversing the damages inflicted by colonialism in our region, National Indigenous History Month serves as a reminder to reflect, honour, and celebrate Indigenous practices, cultures, and stories on this land once known as Ogidaaki.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Fire and rain

A COUPLE OF weeks ago, I wrote my editorial about the same topic. And here we are again, or maybe I should say, here we are still.

Under a total fire ban for nearly a month now.

Luckily, we got quite a bit of rain on Saturday.

Unluckily, smoke plumes moved into the area shortly after.

I've been trying to read up on what forest fires could look like going forward and how they may impact the country and our health in the long run.

It's a pretty bleak reality to face.

Will our future be in flames?

Will outdoor events eventually be a thing of the past because of climate change?

According to National Geographic, "Airborne, microscopic particles that slip past the body's defenses and into the farthest reaches of the respiratory system can begin to coagulate the blood, forming a thick goo. Smoke also contains carbon monoxide, causing long-lasting damage to the heart."

On Sunday, Montreal had the worst air quality in the world for that day because of wildfires in Quebec.

Someone said to me this week, "If Haliburton has an air quality advisory, that really can't be good."

We're supposed to be the escape from city smog, but there's nothing to be done about forest fire smoke once it rolls into the area.

I also recently talked to someone in the forest fire program based out of the Fire Management Centre in Stanhope.

With more intense fires and less firefighters, those on the job are working up to 18 days in a row, fighting fires for as long as 15 hours at a time.

They only have a couple of days off in between - just enough time to pack up and get ready to be deployed to the next fire anywhere in the country. This is how their lives unfold for six months of the year.

These fires are putting a strain on our local departments, too.

I talked to Stacey Parish, deputy chief of the Dysart fire department over the weekend briefly while she was in between calls.

She said when the air is thick with smoke, they get more calls than usual.

"We have such an incredible team that is willing to jump up at all hours and attend fire calls," Parish said.

We should be really thankful to have fire crews like this in the county. In a scary reality, we can at least be reassured that we have these amazing people willing to put themselves in harm's way in order to look out for everyone else.

The same goes for those fighting the huge fires raging throughout Canada.

In the middle of June, 5,000 firefighters had been deployed from countries around the world to help contain the spread of major fires.

More have arrived since, and yet, many are still working tireless overtime hours, far away from their families and lives at home.

Once again, it's widely believed by scientists that climate change is causing the surge of serious fires this year.

They're predicting it'll only get worse from here.

I wish I had better news than that, but, with a prospective future of more fires, next time you see a member of any fire department, make sure they know they're appreciated.

We'll be relying on them for quite a long time to come.



vivian collings

Editorial



Haliburton Village was choked in smoke Sunday morning.

by Adam Frisk

Voices in the night

HE HEARD them before seeing them. It was just after ten o'clock at night, and Carl was sitting in the dark on his screened porch. This was his nightly routine. The day's one cigarette before bed and a small drink of whisky. Medicinal purposes, as he told Nicole.

Over time Carl had seen a variety of night creatures slip by the porch. Plenty of deer of course, but also foxes, skunks and raccoons. Bats had fluttered by in search of insects, no doubt hoping to snag some of the fire flies that sometimes sparkled briefly. One night even an owl had swooped by in a great flurry of movement.

Now as he sat and listened, the voices grew more distinct. Then they came into view. This wasn't the first time he had watched them walk by.

It was a couple, probably in their early thirties he guessed, each with a dog on a leash. The dogs appeared alert but calm and Carl thought the bigger one looked like it was smiling. They formed a comfortable little group. The man was quite a bit taller than his female companion and as they walked, they talked non-stop, taking turns back and forth like a tennis match. The man looked down at the woman and she had her head turned upward towards him.

Carl couldn't make out what they were talking about, but it seemed equally interesting to both of them. He also noticed they walked in sync, their movements relaxed and engaged with the conversation. They looked very at ease with each other. It was amazing to Carl that he was able to read so much into how they did what they were doing. The happy dogs. The focus on each other. The companionable feel to the scene.

He wondered if they were indeed a couple or just friends out for a stroll with their animals. But he doubted it. They looked too familiar somehow. So he continued to speculate. If indeed they were a couple - and he was convinced that was the case - this quiet scene said a lot about their relation-

ship. They shared an interest in dogs and keeping them cared-for. Looking pretty fit, they probably enjoyed other forms of exercise. Maybe hiking, he mused.

But it was the less tangible aspects of their relationship that Carl guessed at as he sat by himself in the dark porch. Mutual respect and reciprocity stood out to Carl as they strolled past his silent watch. He wondered how long they had been together and if they did other things together besides walking their dogs at night.

He and Nicole used to go to movies when they first got together. Before showtime, they'd chow down on fish and chips at a local eatery, watching others doing the same. Even if the movie wasn't all that good, they still enjoyed an evening out. Together.

Now they rarely went anywhere at night. Nicole usually went to bed first and Carl enjoyed his one cigarette and small whisky before making his way up the stairs.

It was so easy to fall into comfortable routines, he thought, routines that might bring a couple closer or routines that turned their lives into planets traveling in separate orbits. Carl wondered when the change had started. When had they stopped

doing the little things together that could be like cement in their relationship? He found himself feeling somewhat envious of the two walkers. Would it become boringly predictable for them as time passed? Or could their obvious engagement in the conversation and walk grow into other deeper aspects? Could talk about jobs and domestic chores turn into hopes and dreams for the future or tightly kept secrets that spilled out in an unguarded moment of closeness?

Then Carl looked at the time and realized that he had been sitting there long after the man and woman, along with their canine companions, had passed out of sight. It was later than he had realized. Time for bed. Maybe he'll ask Nicole if she felt like a walk before bedtime. It was worth a try.

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points of view

Smells like teen spirit

FOR THE last few weeks, if you stepped out of the house, you might have noticed a distinct odour – and haze wafting in the air. It's kind of irritating – it itches your eyes and causes discomfort in the back of your throat. It even makes some people cough.

Yet, as annoying as it is, you can't really blame teen-aged boys for wearing cologne. They're just carrying on an age-old tradition.

I was explaining this to Jenn after one particularly pungent young fellow passed us in the park. He was out of our lives in less than a minute, but his cologne lingered for the next 15 minutes.

"Why do young men wear so much cologne?" Jenn asked between coughs.

"Why does any feral animal utilize scent?" I said.

"To scare off predators?" she replied.

"That only applies to skunks and other members of the weasel family," I said. "Young men use it so that people will notice them."

"Mission accomplished," she replied.

That incident took me back to the heady days of my youth when the prescribed strategy for getting a young woman to notice you was to wear a splash or three of whatever cologne the drugstore had in their clearance bin. There was no hard and fast rule for choosing the cologne that would become your trademark, but my experience suggested that the more skulls and crossbones the bottle had on it



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the better.

Using cologne was not for the inexperienced either.

The general rule was: one splash to neutralize the rank smell of nervous adolescent sweat. The second splash was to make sure it didn't come back. And the third was to alert the young woman that you were a man of such sophistication and worldliness that you didn't mind spending as much as \$2 on a 3-litre bottle of cologne. Back then, any cologne approaching that price was considered the "good stuff." And, judging from what Jenn and I smelled in the park, that's probably still the case.

Cologne also allowed the prospective suitor to evaluate the young woman he was trying to impress. Just a dollop or two would help answer important questions. They included: Does she have a sense of smell? Do her eyes water easily? Does she have an aversion to flowers wilting?

If the answer to all of these questions was no, it saved you a lot of money on cologne and flowers.

Cologne served more practical purposes too. If you slathered some on before a party, your dad would just hand you the car keys rather than drive you there. Also, in summer, if two or more cologne-slathered boys were around, it was the equivalent to fogging the area for mosquitoes.

Teenaged boys of my era had as much loyalty to their colognes as they did to their hockey teams. I had friends who swore by Polo, Aqua Velva, and Old Spice. I happened to be a High Karate man, a cologne that was presumably named for its lethality in close quarters.

In any case, after Jenn and I finished our walk on that sweltering hot day, we got into the car. Then, she looked at me, took a deep breath, and then made an unusual request.

Minutes later, after spending two dollars at the drug store, we drove home with the windows down.



pic of the past

This photo of a Haliburton farm was taken by a Buffalo Evening News reporter in the 1950s. "The farm's owner, Bert Schroeder, had written to tell them that he could bring in the Buffalo TV station as clear as a bell on his new TV," Maureen Moore writes. Her parents, Bill and Joan Moore, bought the farm on the Gelert Road in 1964 and her father farmed and gardened there until about 15 years ago. "Dad was part of the 1976 Ontario Ministry of Agriculture effort to introduce cultivated wild blueberries as a crop in Haliburton County. The blueberries are still thriving." /FILE

letters to the editor

BOLO for "Fred"

"Fred" is a snapping turtle, believed to be about 80 years old and has been residing in and around the hamlet of Eagle Lake. "Fred" was spotted and photographed in 2016. At that time he is believed to have come either from Eagle Lake or the Gull River. "Fred" crossed Haliburton Lake Road (CR 14) on to Eagle Lake Road (CR 6) and then disappeared.

In 2022 "Fred" was again spotted by some Eagle Lake residents. "Fred" was attempting to cross Eagle Lake Road (CR 6) about 2 km west of the flashing light at the CR 6 / CR 14 intersections. This area has between 800 and 1200 vehicle transits per day and is known to be an area where speeding is a problem. The speeding is monitored on a regular basis by the County and where appropriate they provide the OPP with the details of their findings.

"Fred" is about 48 inches in length from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail. It is estimated that "Fred" weighs about 20 kilograms (25 lbs.) Under The Endangered Species Act

"Fred" is classified as "a species at risk". This designation means that only people with special training are allowed to investigate "Fred" to check the health status. The public at large can only touch "Fred" if the turtle is in imminent danger of injury and the extent of this contact ends when "Fred" is no longer in danger. The people at Turtle Guardians would like to give "Fred" a checkup. If you currently know where "Fred" is located please give Turtle Guardians a phone call at 705-457-1222. You can also text them at 705-854-2888.

Peter McLuskey,
Eagle Lake

Community letter from HHHSF

Dear Residents, Cottagers and Visitors,

Now more than ever there is reason to care for each other. As the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation we are very aware of how our actions affect others in all of the communities that we serve.

The Foundation is deeply concerned for the community, and the individuals who are affected by the recent changes. And we are in awe of how neighbours have come together to support one another at this time and are grateful that people are looking out for each other.

We are also unbelievably thankful to the health care workers who continue to support our health care needs. We don't know what we would do without them.

We want to continue to support our community and our health care teams the only way we can - by raising funds for equipment and services that are not funded by the government or government agencies.

The needs of our community are continuing to grow and the recent events in local health care shows us that we need to increase our investment in care. We will do whatever we can to provide additional support to keep health care in our county, especially emergency care.

The HHHS Foundation is not involved in operations; we are an independent fundraising not-

for-profit created to financially support areas of Haliburton Highlands Health Services that are not funded by the government. We continue to raise funds for equipment that will help health care workers be their best and to help in the efforts to bring more qualified workers to the county. We can't affect wages for workers but we can give them the tools to be their best.

We support community members who need help through programs like Meals on Wheels and Medically Required Transportation so that they can enjoy a few hot meals a month or get to important life-saving appointments. We also help our two long term care facilities and staff education. All of this is made possible through the generosity of residents and cottagers alike.

We hope that you can find a moment in the next little while to provide additional care and kindness to your community and your local health care teams. To financially support these efforts, donations can be made on the hhhs.ca/foundation website or through our events and campaigns which will continue to run throughout the summer months and beyond.

Your support and care, however big or small, is greatly appreciated.

With Respect,
Board of Directors
HHHS Foundation

The sounds and songs of the Summer Festival

The cast of *She Loves Me* rehearses in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion before the opening of the Highlands Summer Festival. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

It's the summer of songs from the Highlands Summer Festival (HSF) as they kick off their official 2023 season on July 3 with the musical *She Loves Me*.

"This is just a beautiful and sweet and lovely play," said Scot Denton, the artistic producer of the Highlands Summer Festival. Denton revealed that this play is based on a Hungarian play originally titled the *Perfumery*, which was then redone through a modern lens with the blockbuster hit *You've Got Mail*. Set in the 1930s, the play focuses on two main couples, with the protagonists simultaneously hating one another whilst (of course) unknowingly falling in love.

She Loves Me runs for the first two weeks of July, before being followed by the next play, titled *4000 Miles*. This four-person play was shortlisted for a Pulitzer Prize in 2013, and revolves around the storyline of a young man named Leo, who bikes across America to his grandmother, Vera's, home. Vera and Leo have not seen one another in years, and as the play progresses, the audience is let in on secrets, motives, and personal stories. Designed to make viewers think about family, love, and loss, it's sure to charm everyone who watches it. "It's truly a comedy," said Denton, "but it certainly has darker, dramatic elements to it."

The third play of the season is titled *Shirley Valentine*, which is an "absolute tour de force for one actress," said Denton. Many viewers would recall the 1989 film with the same title, starring Pauline Collins. In this theatre version, viewers get a chance to hear the inner workings of Shirley Valentine, as she navigates her journey through life, before eventually ending up on the trip of a lifetime.

On top of the variety of plays offered by the HSF this season, the committee is also including a musical component to the lineup.

More Confessions from the Ninth Concession is presented by Dan Needles and Ian Bell, which takes viewers through a comedic journey of rural life via creative songs and stories. Needles is the author of the beloved Wingfield Farm stage comedies, and Bell is a founding performer for CBC's Vinyl Café.

Wrapping up the season is *Early Morning Rain*, the Legend of Gordon Lightfoot. "So many of these songs will really sink in for our patrons," said Denton. "So many of them have grown up listening to Lightfoot." Featuring Leisa Way and the Wayward Wind Band, the show takes audiences on a musical journey that tells the story of one of Canada's most renowned musicians; Gordon Lightfoot.

Despite a stellar lineup, Denton shared that ticket sales are not what they would like to be for this time in the season. "I think people aren't used to going out," he said, "and yes, there are still some people worried about crowds, and we understand that as well, but this is going to be a great season."

For more information and to book tickets, visit www.highlandsummerfestival.on.ca.



HHHS Brings Together Emergency Services at Haliburton Site

**Emergency services are no longer available at
the HHHS Minden site.**

**This change came into effect on June 1, 2023,
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The Survey, The Data & The Results:

You may have seen the Resident Sentiment Survey (RSS) that was shared online in December, and the various pieces of information we gained from it shared here over the past six months. In this final installment, we wanted you to see all the key data in one easy-to-read infographic. To view all information related to the RSS, including the final report, the various articles, and the County's 5-year Destination Management Plan, we encourage you to visit: <https://wadein.haliburtoncounty.ca/resident-sentiment-survey-rss>. The 2nd annual RSS will run from Sept. 11 to Nov. 12, 2023 – we strongly encourage you to take part and have your say in how we build tourism here in the Haliburton Highlands!

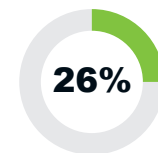
County of Haliburton Resident Sentiment Survey (RSS)

Haliburton Highlands' 5-Year Destination Management Plan proposed a community-based tourism development approach. This means a key action moving forward is hearing from residents about the visitor economy (i.e. tourism). To gather your opinions, we developed a tool called a Resident Sentiment Survey (RSS) to provide us with the necessary data to benchmark, track, and address evolving public opinion year-over-year.

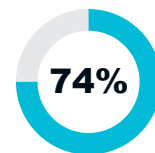


The 2nd Annual Resident Sentiment Survey will run from September 11 – November 12, 2023.

RSS Winter 2022 592 Responses



Seasonal Residents



Permanent Residents



To learn more about the RSS, use the QR code to visit the Wade In Haliburton County webpage.



The County of Haliburton is a proud recipient of the Government of Canada's investment in tourism through the Tourism Relief Fund for this project.

What we heard you say about Haliburton Highlands

8.3/10 average ranking of it being a very attractive place to visit

68% agree we should invite more visitors throughout the year, especially in the winter and shoulder seasons

68% do not rely on the visitor economy for their household income

43% of 18-44 year olds rely on the visitor economy for 1-50% of their household income



"Residents need to understand that they are an important part of making Haliburton a destination. People make the place what it is; People make Haliburton."

– RSS respondent

"As a local business owner, I feel like all we hear about is how tourism somehow damages Haliburton. I can tell you that without tourism, and seasonal residents, local business like ours would not survive."

– RSS respondent



You agreed that the visitor economy...

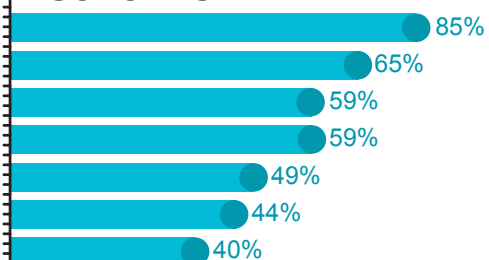
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increases pride

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increases access to services and amenities
attracts new residents and skilled labour

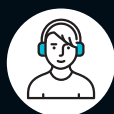


increases the opportunity to have an active lifestyle

Environmental



Adventuring Ahead What you highlighted as areas of growth...



Youth Retention
To grow employment opportunities for youth



Tourism Alignments
Develop tourism activities that align with the needs of residents (i.e. affordability, protection and restoration of the natural environment, etc.)



Awareness Building
Build awareness of current tourism initiatives related to climate change; truth & reconciliation; diversity, equity & inclusion; etc

You disagree that the visitor economy...

39% builds awareness of how residents' actions impact the local environment

48% makes your communities affordable

42% increases youth retention

The level of familiarity of the Tourism Department at the County of Haliburton was



41% of you were unsure whether the visitor economy actively works towards climate change adaptation efforts

Leading the [fair]way to clean water

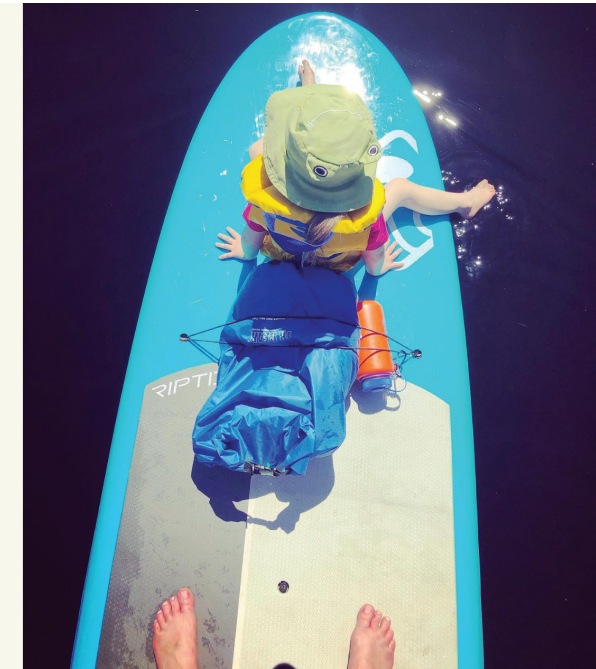
Vince Duchene putts on the green while his team watches during the 11th annual Water Ambassadors Charity Golf Classic held at the Pinestone Resort Golf Course on Thursday, June 22. The tournament raised nearly \$300,000 to help provide clean drinking water in developing countries. Volunteers Barry Hart and Heather Alloway, co-founders of Water Ambassadors Canada (WAC), were both volunteering at the tournament, and started WAC 20 years ago after learning about the need for access to clean water around the world. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



AJ Lester attempts to hit his ball closest to the water can at one of the challenge holes during the 11th annual Water Ambassadors Charity Golf Classic.



A team stops for a photo on Thursday, June 22 at the Pinestone Resort Golf Course.



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A good sized crowd gathered under a large tent in the backyard of the Wilberforce Legion on the afternoon of June 24 to listen to the sounds of Half Tuned and to enjoy some food and refreshments. /CHRIS DROST/Staff



Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Hospital volunteers, Linda Ladd, Linda Cameron, Jill Lee, and Sara Clark, pose for a photo prior to the open house on the afternoon of June 24. The Outpost Hospital has undergone many renovations and the displays have been refurbished since COVID-19. You are invited to stop by in July and August from Wednesday through Monday from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

A weekend of celebration in Wilberforce

CHRIS DROST

Special to the Echo

Wilberforce experienced a full week-end of festivities from June 23 - 25 in celebration of the Legion's 50th anniversary.

Things got underway on Friday afternoon with an opening ceremony, followed by a feed of chicken wings, nachos, dancing, and music by Bill O'Reilly.

Saturday provided a full afternoon of fun for the entire family. There were games, raffle draws, free hot dogs, three large cakes and music by Half Tuned. A large crowd gathered out of the hot sun under a tent in the yard behind the Legion to listen to the music, check their tickets for the draws, and enjoy some hot dogs fresh off the barbecue.

Inside, others gathered around the tables to enjoy their food and have some refreshments with friends.

Fifty years ago, they started meetings in the firehall and eventually bought this building, which was formerly a laundromat," said Legion president, Janice Sorensen. They were successful in obtaining a couple of Ontario Trillium Grants which provided the funds for new flooring and the furniture.

"We are trying to bring in new members. We are just getting into the swing of things after COVID-19," explained Sorensen.

"The Legion gives a lot to the community and the community has given to this event. There were eight people on the 50th and anniversary committee who put the festivities together. We have put photo albums together with photos people have dropped off over the years. We also put them on a disc that is playing on a loop on the TV. I scanned 1,300 photos," said Sorensen.

"I am absolutely thrilled after all the years doing things with the Legion. I am pleased we can partner together. During my time, the Legion has been a godsend. We survived COVID-19 and are here. We would like to expand the partnerships and do more," said Mayor Dave Burton.

Mayor Burton, along with Sorensen, Jan, representing the Ladies Auxiliary, and 1st ice, Bruce Rennie, gathered for the ceremonial cutting of three large slab cakes appropriately decorated for the occasion.

During the afternoon, Burton, Jamie Schmale and Laurie Scott had the honour of judging the poster contest. There were

five categories of submissions, Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2, Grades 3 and 4, Grades 5 and 6 and Grades 7 and 8.

"It was a lot of pleasure judging the poster contest," said Mayor Burton.

Winners in each category are as follows. Winners were awarded with generously donated prizes.

Kindergarten – 1st - Allie McArther 2nd – Max Risk 3rd – Angel Heins

Grades 1 & 2 - 1st – Aubriella Sowden 2nd – Jackson Browning 3rd – Tori Coburn

Grades 3 & 4 – 1st – Madeline Blaney 2nd – Liam Blaney 3rd – Keira Lindsay-Gale

Grades 5 & 6 – 1st – Morgan McKnight 2nd - Chris Fillier 3rd Tax Cox

Grades 7 & 8 - 1st – Ana Fillier 2ND – Mya Plumbley 3rd – Mia Alden

Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Hospital Open House

The doors were opened at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Hospital on June 24 to welcome visitors for another season. This national historic site of Canada has been refurbished since COVID-19 with new windows and doors and renovation of all the displays.

"In the early 1920s, there was no medical help nearby in Wilberforce. The closest one was in Haliburton. So many women died in childbirth," explained volunteer, Linda Cameron.

At that time, Alfred Schofield an inspector for the Children's Aid Society, contacted the Red Cross about sending a nurses and some equipment. The Monmouth Charitable Organization was established to raise funds to house the nurse. Eventually, this building was purchased," said Cameron.

The Red Cross Outpost Hospital opened in 1922 with a steady stream of nurses providing medical care to the surrounding area over the years. These nurses were also valuable assets in the community through their participation in a variety of activities. The Outpost eventually became more than a treatment centre, more of a central social gathering place in the community.

The hospital became a mini hospital with three rooms for in-patients, often maternity patients.

Those strong and hearty nurses reached their patients by any means possible, by walking, using handcarts on the railway tracks, dog sledding and snowshoeing.

During this time, the hospital had no running water and no indoor plumbing. A housekeeper was always on staff to keep the fire going for the in-patients and for the nurses returning from their calls.

In 1982, the building opened as a museum that is currently operated by volunteers, with a summer student helping during July and August. The museum is open July and August from Wednesday to Monday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or off-season by appointment.

The volunteers would be interested in learning more about some of the nurses who worked from the Outpost, especially those in later years about little is known. If anyone has information, they are encouraged to connect with the museum.

For more information visit Wilberforce Outpost on Facebook or email redcrossoutpost@gmail.com. Memberships and volunteers with the Wilberforce Heritage Guild are always welcome.

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Local ballerina to study at Alberta Ballet

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Sydney Parish continues to make her own dreams come true doing what she loves most.

The 16-year-old Haliburton ballet dancer is off to England for the summer and Alberta for her senior year of high school.

Sydney was also asked to go to the two-week summer intensive at English National Ballet, a company located in London.

Knowing this was an offer too exceptional to pass up, Sydney will be crossing the Atlantic in July to train right before attending the renowned school in Alberta, and said she is so excited to do so.

"Alberta wasn't even one that she auditioned to go to. When she was competing at YAGP (Youth America Grand Prix Ballet) in Toronto, the director of Alberta was there, saw her dance, and offered her a scholarship," said Sydney's mom, Stacey Parish.

Last summer, Sydney participated in summer intensives at the American Ballet Theatre School in New York City.

Although classes were pushed online because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the local dancer said she learned skills that she can bring with her on her new ballet adventures.

"It was a really fun experience. I enjoyed taking classes with different teachers everyday, and I learned a lot there," Sydney said, but she added that the new experiences will be made sweeter after three years of limited studio access.

Sydney accepted the scholarship to



Local ballet dancer Sydney Parish will be attending school at the Alberta Ballet in September. /FILE

head to Alberta for a week in May and see what life would be like as a student at the private school that offers education and dance under the same roof.

"She did classes with the other kids, went to school with them, they took her through the dorms, and they were assessing her dancing all week for the full-time program. At the end of the week, on Friday afternoon, she had to sit through an interview, and at the end of the interview they offered her a full-time position," Stacey said.

With that, Sydney will be boarding a plane for Calgary in August.

"The teachers there were extremely lovely, and it all just came together. I felt

like I just needed a new adventure to go on, too," Sydney said.

As a parent, Stacey clearly sees that her daughter owes all her success to working tirelessly at the thing she loves most.

"Syd's an incredibly hardworking kid," Stacey said. "She has worked so hard and has given up so much to follow her dreams that it's just mind blowing as a parent to watch."

Last year, Sydney trained in Toronto for eight hours a day, and then did four to five hours of schooling every morning.

When she was twirling around the house at age 3, Stacey realized she had a dancer on her hands rather than a hockey player.

"I love being able to have my creative movement shown in so many different ways. I get to do really fun ballet pieces," Sydney said.

Her mom says that because of Sydney's height, she is faced with pressures in a dance world that favours shorter statures.

"She's very tall. She's 5'11" which is extremely tall for a dancer, so she has to deal with a lot of pressure from being taller because a lot of dance companies favour shorter, more compact dancers," Stacey said.

The Grade 11 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student is proving to the ballet community that social norms can, and should, be broken.

"It's kind of incredible to watch," Stacey said. "You always think your kid's an amazing dancer, but you don't really realize until she gets these opportunities to do other things. She just shines on stage."

Outside of the studio, Sydney spends her time with friends and family. One of her other hobbies is knitting and crocheting.

"Last year, she knit 40 blankets for the long-term care homes in Haliburton so the residents could keep warm in the winter," Stacey said.

Sydney serves as a role model for younger kids in her life.

"She has two younger sisters that she plays with and encourages, and she's always so positive and helps kids if they ask for her help," Stacey said.

Sydney wants to let younger dancers know that dreams can be achieved with hard work and passion for the sport.

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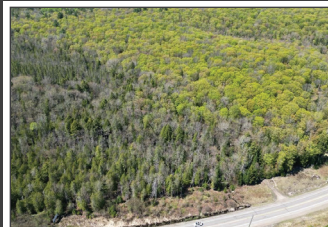
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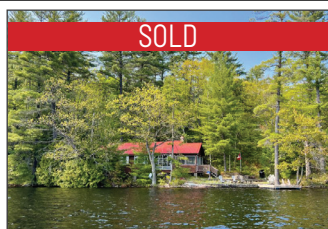
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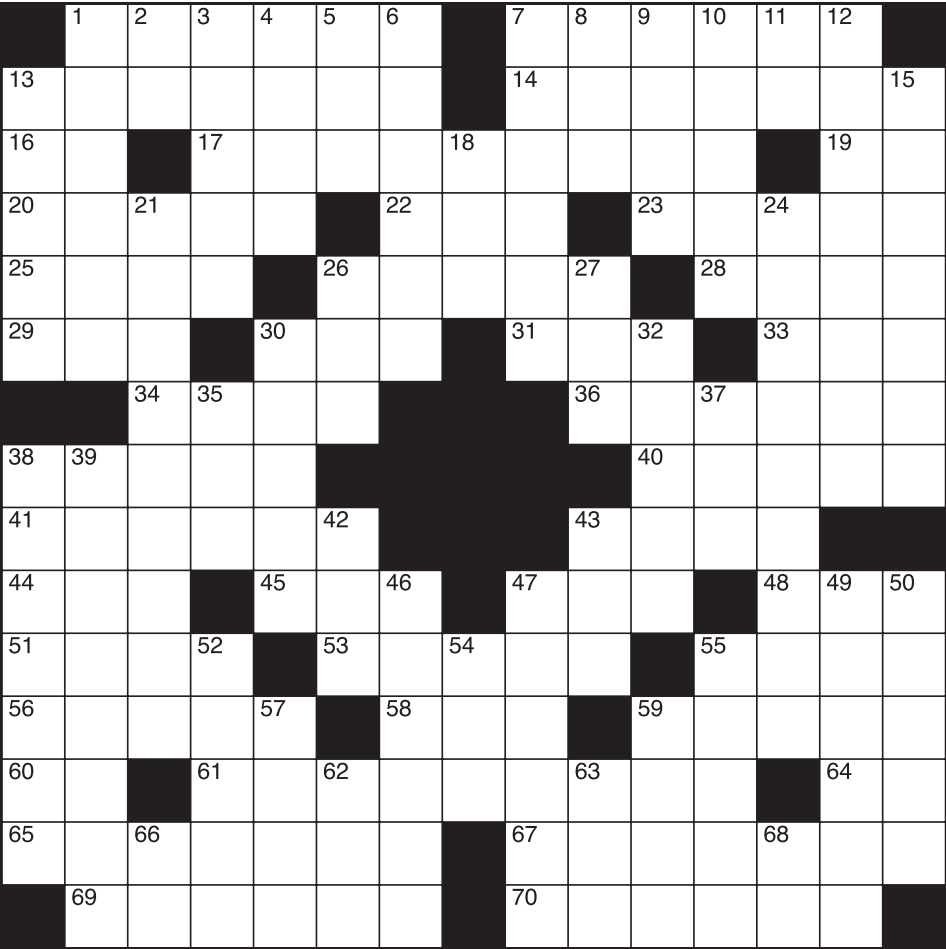
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 - 20. Plate glasses
 - 22. Red-brown sea bream
 - 23. Small (Fr.)
 - 25. Flightless Australian birds
 - 26. High IQ group
 - 28. Stiff structures
 - 29. Revolutions per minute
 - 30. Where a bachelor lives
 - 31. Licensed for Wall Street
 - 33. A place to park
 - 34. Energy, style and enthusiasm
 - 36. An important creed in Catholic Church
 - 38. 18-year astronomical period
 - 40. Furies
 - 41. Removes from the record
 - 43. Noted child psychiatrist
 - 44. Feline
 - 45. High schoolers' test
 - 47. Not happy
 - 48. They ___
 - 51. On top
 - 53. Precious stones unit of weight
 - 55. Moved quickly
 - 56. Seagulls
 - 58. A seed with hooks or teeth
 - 59. Partner to "ooohed"
 - 60. Exclamation of surprise
 - 61. Most unpleasant
 - 64. Organization help service members
 - 65. Type of cockatoo
 - 67. Humorous criticisms
 - 69. Went through and organized
 - 70. Wakes up

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- 1. Settle in tents
 - 2. Big
 - 3. Books
 - 4. Masses of eggs in fish
 - 5. Language
 - 6. Not standing
 - 7. Chinese philosophy
 - 8. Computer giant
 - 9. A device to catch
 - 10. Emits coherent radiation
 - 11. Actor O'Neill
 - 12. Smallest interval in western music
 - 13. Not lower
 - 15. Revolves
 - 18. Leavened bread
 - 21. Number above the line in a fraction
 - 24. Cable
 - 26. Adult male
 - 27. Airborne (abbr.)
 - 30. Bullfighting maneuvers
 - 32. Broadcast
 - 35. ___ Angeles
 - 37. Vehicle
 - 38. Not religious
 - 39. North American peoples
 - 42. A baglike structure
 - 43. Body art (slang)
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 - 47. Actress Tomei
 - 49. Former hoopster "Big Country"
 - 50. Icelandic poems
 - 52. More pleasant
 - 54. It can add flavor to meat
 - 55. Self-immolation by fire rituals
 - 57. Expression of annoyance
 - 59. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
 - 62. Consumed
 - 63. Body part
 - 66. Thus
 - 68. In reply (abbr.)

Answers on page 17

Fatal single atv collision in Haliburton County

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a fatal single all-terrain vehicle (ATV) collision in Haliburton County.

On June 24, shortly before 6 p.m., Haliburton Highlands OPP and emergency services responded to a single ATV rollover on Madill Road near Glamor Lake Road, west of Tory Hill. The rider, and lone occupant, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Madill Road will remain closed for several hours as OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionists assist with the investigation.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage and has not yet spoken with police is asked to call the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Submitted

Single vehicle rollover on Highway 35

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a single-vehicle rollover on Highway 35 in the Township of Minden Hills, Haliburton County.

On June 24, shortly after 4 p.m., Haliburton Highlands OPP and emergency services responded to a single passenger vehicle collision, where a vehicle travelling southbound on Highway 35 crossed into the northbound lanes and rolled, coming to a rest on Moore Lake Estates Road.

Two occupants, after one was extricated, were transported to local hospital, and later airlifted by Ornge to a Toronto-area trauma centre with serious injuries.

OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionists assisted with the investigation. Highway 35 northbound was reduced to one lane and has since reopened.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage and has not yet spoken with police is asked to call the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

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Eagle Lake needs your rhubarb

Eagle Lake, also proudly known as the "Rhubarb Capital of Ontario", is looking for donations of the tart vegetable.

This year is the 85th anniversary of the Eagle Lake Church and Community Centre, and the Eagle Lake Women's Society is busy baking 100 rhubarb pies available during the celebrations to be held from July 21 to 23.

"This is stemming from historical background of Eagle Lake claiming to be the rhubarb capital," said Eagle Lake resident Peter McLuskey.

The group has already made 30 pies, but only has enough rhubarb for 20 more.

Since it's nearing the end of rhubarb season, if you have any you'd like to donate, call McLuskey at 705-754-1590.

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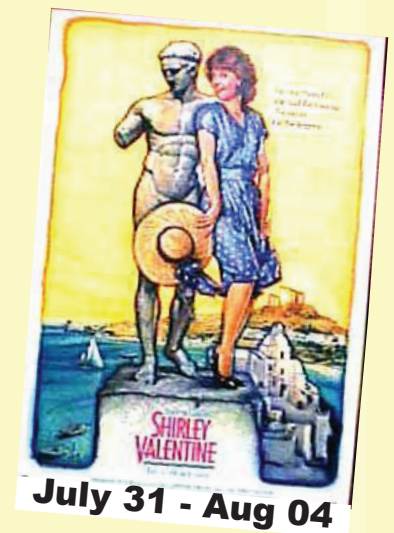
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June updates from West Guilford

community news
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Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

On May 13 the Morrison homestead where Cecil and Betty's son, Les Morrison, hosted a shower for Kesha, his daughter-in law, soon to be a mother. Since beginning this column the news has come that Kesha and Spencer Morrison are the proud parents of Miles Leslie Robert, born on June 14. Congratulations to all the family.

Merrill Barry is a frequent visitor at Extendicare where not only Merrie is a recent resident but also Matt (Marshall) Barry brother of Merrill.

So strange, wrong somehow to have to report the death of someone my son's age. Derwin Barry died peacefully at his trailer in Kinmount on June 14. Details may follow later.

When I saw the notice of Fred Simmons celebration of life I had to be there. Irondale was the first year of my teaching and Fred was one of the 21 pupils in that Grade one to eight enrollment. In the crowded church with overflow of dozens who attended there was a real sense of celebration. George Simmons gave words of welcome to the crowd. Yearbooks and photos helped people remember Fred's young years and a future employer spoke well of how well he'd worked, whether at construction or on the roads department. I was thrilled to have a few of my Irondale pupils come to speak to me, obviously having forgiven the fumbling efforts of a well-meaning but very green teacher. Thanks to the people who organized the event and for the memory of a real celebration of life.

Barrie Martin's retirement was acknowledged at Haliburton Forest on June 25, hosted by Haliburton Forest staff for the over 100 who gathered to wish the guest of honour for years of good ideas and faithful service.

Louise Cooper has been over for her annual summer-time visit from Manotick. Her presence was appreciated in St. George's service on Sunday especially in the choir where she had been a faithful member for years before retirement from teaching at Haliburton High School.



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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- DATE: Wednesday, July 12th, 2023
- TIME: 11:00 am.
- LOCATION: The Committee of Adjustment will be held as an electronic meeting only. The meeting will be recorded through the conferencing application and live streamed to YouTube.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2023-007 Boulay
 - The following variances are requested to permit a dwelling and a private cabin to have a decreased street setback on a lot located in the WR4 zone:
 - a) A variance to Section 3.30 (c) to permit a dwelling to have a street setback from the edge of the travelled portion of Treasure Drive of 0 metres as opposed to the permitted 7.5 metres (25 feet).
 - b) A variance to Section 3.30 (c) to permit a private cabin to have a street setback from the edge of the travelled portion of Treasure Drive of 1.46 metres (4.7 feet) as opposed to the permitted 7.5 metres (25 feet).
 - c) A variance to Section 3.30 (a) to permit a private cabin to have a street setback from the centre of Dunn Road of 11.04 metres (36 feet) as opposed to the permitted 17.5 metres (57 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 12, Concession 5, Lot 1, Plan 329 in the Geographic Township of Harburn, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
2. D13-MV-2023-011 Burley
 - The following variances are requested to legalize the gazebo located on a lot in the WR4L zone:
 - a) A variance to section 5.2 to permit a gazebo to have a 10 metre (33 feet) water setback, as opposed to the permitted 20 metres (66 ft).
 - Location: Part Lot 13 & 14, Concession 2, Lot 29, Plan 370, Parts 2,3,4,5,11 to 13, 16 and 17, 19R10127 in the Geographic Township of Havelock, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
3. D13-MV-2023-012 Burley
 - The following variance is requested to permit a private cabin before the main use (seasonal dwelling) on a lot located in the WR4L zone:
 - a) A variance to section 3.1 (a) to permit a private cabin to be permitted before the main use (seasonal dwelling) is established on the lot.
 - Location: Part Lot 13 & 14, Concession 2, Lot 30, Plan 370, Parts 1, 19R10127 in the Geographic Township of Havelock, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
4. D13-MV-2023-013 Evans
 - The following variances are requested to legalize the location of their dwelling, attached deck, hot tub and sheds on a property in the WR4 zone:
 - a) A variance to permit a dwelling to have a minimum water setback (creek) of 9 metres (30 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 20 metres (66 feet);
 - b) A variance to permit an accessory building (6'x16' shed) to have a minimum water setback (creek) of 11.8 metres (39 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 20 metres (66 feet);
 - c) A variance to permit an accessory building (8'x12' shed) to have a minimum water setback (creek) of 11.5 metres (38 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 20 metres (66 feet);
 - d) A variance to permit a dwelling to have a minimum interior side lot line setback of 3.84 metres (12.6 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 4.5 metres (14.8 feet);
 - e) A variance to permit a deck to extend a maximum of 13.4 metres (44 feet) into a minimum water setback as opposed to the required maximum of 3 metres (9.85 feet) therefore the minimum water setback of the deck is 6.7 metres (22 feet).
 - f) A variance to permit a hot tub have a minimum water setback (creek) of 7 metres (23 feet), as opposed to the required minimum of 20 metres (66 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 18, Concession 9, Lot 50, Plan 348, in the Geographic Township of Harburn, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
5. D13-MV-2023-015 Winsor
 - The following variance is requested to permit a water closet to be located in a private garage, located on a lot in the RU1 zone:
 - a) A variance to Section 3.1 to permit a water closet to be located in a private garage.
 - Location: Part Lot 34, Concession 2, Part 4, 19R2791, Parts 1 to 5, 19R3049, in the Geographic Township of Guilford, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
6. D13-MV-2023-016 Powers & Bergmann
 - The following variances are requested to legalize the location of the bunkie, on a property in the WR4L zone:
 - a) A variance to section 5.2 to permit a private cabin (accessory building) to have a minimum water setback of 15.2 metres (50 feet), as opposed to the permitted 20 metres (66 feet).
 - b) A variance to section 3.1(d)(v) to permit a private cabin to have a minimum interior side lot line setback of 2.4 metres (8 feet), as opposed to the permitted 4.5 metres (15 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 13, Concession 3, Lot 94, Plan 482, in the Geographic Township of Dudley, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.

Council passed By-law 2020-69 to amends the Committee of Adjustment of the Municipality of Dysart et al's Procedural By-law to permit electronic participation in meetings. **There will not be an in-person meeting; this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.**

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Secretary-Treasurer at dvibert@dysartetal.ca

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by an agent for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept oral and written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, and electronic meeting process is available from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Office by appointment only (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

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■ **MATT DUCHENE**

Fate plays a role in NHL draft

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Before local hockey hero Matt Duchene was selected third overall by the Colorado Avalanche in the 2009 NHL Entry Draft, it was widely known that the 18-year-old Haliburton hockey player had grown up idolizing the very team that drafted him.

And as it turns out, there's quite a string of interesting and quirky facts that connect Duchene to the Colorado Avalanche.

"We analyzed the teams and we knew it was a pretty good chance that [Matt] was going to end up with Colorado," said Matt's father Vince outside the Avalanche suite at the Montreal Bell Centre a couple of hours after Matt was drafted. "But I can't tell you how many small world connections there are to Colorado."

Nearby, Duchene was being photographed in his new Avs garb with family members.

See **Duchene** page 20

TIM TOFFLEMIRE/Special to the Echo



Happy birthday with a bang!

West Guilford knows how to throw a party on Canada Day. Its annual event is always a crowd-pleaser, especially the fireworks that light up Pine Lake after dusk. For more photos and a story about the celebration, including this year's citizen of the year, see pages 22, 23 and 24.

■ **URANIUM MINING**

Old Dyno mine still raises questions

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

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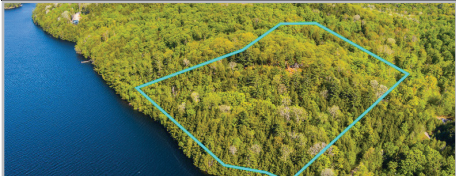
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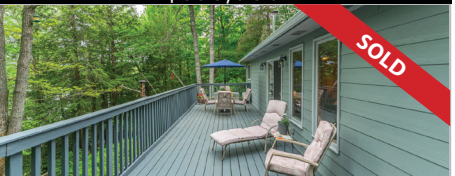
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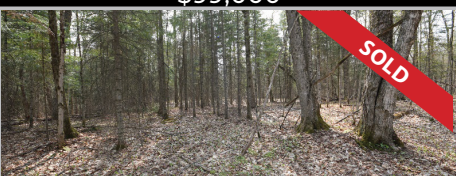
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HARBURN ROAD
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PINE LAKE ROAD
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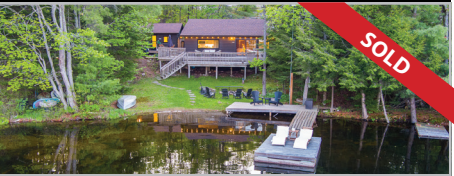
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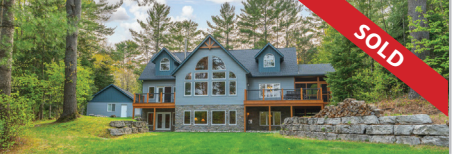
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MOUNTAIN LAKE
\$1,210,000



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SOYERS LAKE
\$2,695,000



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